

# United States Department of Agriculture,

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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### NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1526.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

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#### ADULTERATION OF MILK.

On April 20, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district informations, severally, against each of the following named persons, within said district: Ben Evers, Sanfordtown, Ky.; J. B. Alexander, Crittenden, Ky.; Henry Menke, Butler, Ky.; George Lucas, Erlanger, Ky.; H. Nostheide and John Meiman, Devon, Ky.; S. M. Hudson, G. E. Carroll, and J. F. West, Walton, Ky.; charging shipment by each, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about June 7, 1910 (except as to Henry Menke and Ben Evers, against whom was made the charge of unlawful shipment on June 8 and June 14, 1910, respectively), from the State of Kentucky into the State of Ohio of a quantity of milk which was adulterated. Adulteration was charged in each of the informations for the reason that the product contained in each shipment consisted in part of filthy and decomposed animal and vegetable substances, and contained an excessive number of bacteria, including members of the *B. coli* and *Streptococci* groups, which said bacteria were dangerous to human life and said shipments of milk were composed in part of decomposed, putrid, and fecal matter, indicating contamination, and were unfit for human use and consumption.

On October 17, 1911, each of the defendants entered a plea of guilty to the informations and the court imposed upon each of them a fine of \$25, except as to Ben Evers, upon whom a fine of \$100 was imposed.

W. M. HAYS,  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 8, 1912.*